



# FIND IT VIRGINIA

## A GUIDE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES

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### Research

Primary general knowledge databases offered for all ages, providing factual, reliable and relevant information.

### Read

Whether for research or pleasure, enjoy a wide variety of periodicals, books, and audiobooks.

### Learn

Online, self-paced learning opportunities for foreign language, career development, and academic topics are also available.

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*Find It Virginia is a project supported by the Library of Virginia and funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Its purpose is to provide high quality digital research, reading, and learning options to insure the availability of reliable resources and information across the Commonwealth.*

*Find It Virginia's mix of resources are aligned to serve Virginians of all ages and resource needs, from baby's first learning experiences with its caregivers to traditional students to non-native English speakers to readers of all kinds, and to provide opportunities for the curious to learn something new.*

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**LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA**

## BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE...

**Please accept our thanks.** Thank you for doing what you do. The pandemic made it clear how much our students, schools, and communities rely on libraries and their professionals for access to accurate information. You have done a herculean job in the face of enormous challenges and Virginia is the better for it.

**Choose your resources.** Before delving into the technical information below, please visit <https://finditva.com/> to get an overview of the offerings. This will be the most comprehensive way to see what is out there and decide how you want to organize your own website with the links that follow. Content is sorted by age group but reviewing the [All resources](#) tab will display all of the resources.

## LINKS AND LMS INTEGRATION

<https://finditva.com/> is the most efficient way to see all of the resources, but you may not want ALL of the resources, given your student population. **It is also important to note that some resources must be best accessed through your local public library with a library card.**

If you use CANVAS or Blackboard, EBSCO and GALE provide LMS integration. You can find technical details at <https://vpl.virginia.gov/lva-provided-content/find-it-virginia-for-schools/>.

## EBSCO

**Public schools have direct access to Ebsco resources in Find It VA, using IP authentication**

**Explora Secondary Schools** is the “google-esque” interface to search both Ebsco general information databases: MasterFile Complete and ReadIt!. **Customize your links by replacing ns004890** in the links below with your Site ID number. If you don’t know your Site ID number, contact your sales rep or Barry Trott ([barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov)/804.239.9510). Having the school IP address(es) on file with Ebsco Admin will ensure proper authentication, so please check with Barry Trott if you need to add or update IP ranges.

- **Explora Secondary Schools:**  
[https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,uid&geocustid=ns004890&custid=ns004890&profile=src\\_ic&groupid=main](https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,uid&geocustid=ns004890&custid=ns004890&profile=src_ic&groupid=main)

### Direct Links to

- **MasterFILE Complete (general information database)**  
<https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,uid&geocustid=ns004890&custid=ns004890&profile=ehost&defaultdb=f6h&groupid=main>
- **Read It! (lower lexile and ESL friendly general information database, with comprehension activities)**  
<https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,uid&geocustid=ns004890&custid=ns004890&profile=ell&groupid=main>

While authentication via geo and IP should be working, if users get a prompt for a user ID and password, use:

- Username: valib
- Password: Read-2022!

## GALE

### Public schools have direct access to Gale resources in Find It VA, using IP authentication

- **Gale in Context: Elementary:** This general information database supports K-6 learners.

Direct links for your institution for Gale In Context: Elementary can be found at

<https://support.gale.com/finditva>. Search your library name to get your custom links. Contact Barry Trott with questions, [barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov).

## RESOURCES REQUIRING PUBLIC LIBRARY CARDS

Access all of these resources through your local public library website. While they require a library card for use, we hope you will encourage their use by your students and reach out to your public library to work on getting cards for all students. [Find your local public library](#).

- **Access Video: Just for Kids:** Enjoy tv shows like Arthur, Sesame Street, as well as “read along” storybooks and so much more. Explore topics like reading, writing, math, arts and science!
- **Homework HelpNow:** Available seven days a week, 2 pm to 11 pm. Connect LIVE with a certified teacher for assistance with homework (K-college), research and writing. A public library card will be needed to access some of the content.
- **JobNow:** Connect with a certified career coach, seven days a week between 2 and 11 pm. Get help with résumé writing, applications, searches, and skill development needs. Also find unemployment assistance, résumé templates, career assessments, and more. Includes test prep resources and practice tests and career credentialing information for over 140 specific careers. A public library card will be needed to access some of the content.
- **Novelist Plus and Novelist Plus K-8:** Readalike lists, author information, series lists, and more. A treasure trove of resources for readers of all ages.
- **Transparent Language:** Learn to speak 140+ foreign languages including over 20 indigenous languages, American Sign Language, and Citizenship Prep, and also includes ESL/ELL materials for speakers of 34 different languages. Transparent Language is perfect for the business travelers or tourists, as well as supplementing classroom lessons for students.
- **Universal Class:** a diverse self-paced online learning experience from academic to hobby to business skills. Algebra, basic grammar, calligraphy, civics, and more

## HELP!

## ONLINE

- **On the web:** The Library of Virginia maintains a site specifically for public and school librarians. Find resources, links, tutorials and more at: <https://vpl.virginia.gov/lva-provided-content/>.
- **LIBIT listserv:** join by emailing Paranita Carpenter at [Paranita.carpenter@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:Paranita.carpenter@lva.virginia.gov) and requesting to join LIBIT.

## ACTUAL HUMANS

Library of Virginia's Library Development and Networking Team is here for you. If you are having trouble, contact:

- Barry Trott, at [barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov) or 804.239.9510
- Nan Carmack, Director at [nan.carmack@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:nan.carmack@lva.virginia.gov) or 804.692.3792